Sri KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" For the year 1952–53."

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" All the worke sanctioned for 1952–53 have been carried out. The number of schemes carried out is 5 and the cost is Rs. 62,000. The area benefited is 613 acres."

Geological survey of South Kanara.

* 767 *Q.*—Sri T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any geological survey of South Kanara was undertaken recently; and

(*b*) if so, whether reports regarding the survey have been received by the Government?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir. The Malnad portion of Puttur taluk, South Kanara district, was surveyed by the Geological Survey of India during 1952–53 field season. The report has been received and it will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*."

Sri T. ANANTA PAI :—" The recent geological surveys along the West Coast on the border of Mysore State have shown considerable deposits of manganese. May I, therefore, request the Government of Madras to direct the Geological Survey of India to see whether similar deposits are found along the West Coast regions of South Kanara district?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That is a different question. But the geological survey that I referred to also shows that the region covering an area of 400 square miles which forms a major portion of the Puttur taluk contains iron ore in certain areas, white china clay in certain other areas and also some other materials which could be of use."

Sri M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know what the total amount spent by the Government on this survey is?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It was the Geological Survey of India that did the survey. I do not think this Government have spent any money on it."

Hostels for the students of the Backward Classes.

* 768 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of hostels separately run for the students of the Backward Classes in the State; and